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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

CINDY ANZALONE,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONWIDE CREDIT, INC.,

Defendant.

Case Number 5:09-CV-04252 JF (HRL)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
LEAVE TO APPEAR *PRO HAC*  
*VICE***

Re: Docket No. 7

Richard J. Meier, counsel for Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter, seeks leave to appear *pro hac vice* pursuant to Civil L.R. 11-3. Defendant Nationwide Credit (“Defendant”) opposes the requested relief, contending that Meier may not appear *pro hac vice* because he is “regularly engaged in the practice of law in the State of California.” Civil L.R. 11-3(b)(ii). Defendant asserts that Meier has appeared in sixteen cases in California district courts since 2007, including four in the Northern District.<sup>1</sup> Objection at 1-2, citing Ex. 1. A determination as to whether Meier’s previous appearances amount to “regular engagement in the practice of law”

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<sup>1</sup> Meier’s requests to appear *pro hac vice* were granted in each of these cases. *Anastasia Vasquez v. Erica Brachfeld, P.C.*, No: 3:08-cv-05499, Dkt. 18; *Christine Sims v. NCO Financial Services*, No. 3:08-cv-05347, Dkt. 12; *Catalina Cruz v. CollectCorp Corporation*, No. 5:08-cv-03728, Dkt. 9; *Rick Angelini v. Co-Operative Adjustment Bureau*, No. 3:07-cv-05177, Dkt. 10.

1 is within the discretion of the Court. The Court accepts Plaintiff's representation that Meier has  
2 appeared in more than two hundred matters nationwide since 2007 and that he currently is  
3 working on dozens of contested cases in other states. *Compare* Reply at 1-2 (explaining that  
4 Meier is the principal litigator of a national Fair Debt Collection Practices Act law firm and is  
5 employed at Legal Helpers, P.C.'s national headquarters in Chicago, Illinois); *with Mendoza v.*  
6 *Golden West Sav. Ass'n Services Co., Guguni v. Chertoff*, No. C 08-1850 JL, 2008 WL 2080788,  
7 at \*1 (N.D. Cal. May 14, 2008) (vacating *pro hac vice* where counsel's place of business was  
8 located in California, he had appeared before the Northern District of California in five cases  
9 over the past three years, and no mention was made of counsel's caseload outside the State of  
10 California) and *Mendoza v. Golden West Sav. Ass'n Services Co.*, No. CV 09-1200 GAF  
11 (VBKx), 2009 WL 2050486, at \*2 (denying counsel's motion for leave to appear *pro hac vice*  
12 and concluding that its "chief concern" was counsel's dishonesty in completing the *pro hac vice*  
13 application). Meier's activities in California do not appear disproportionate under the  
14 circumstances. Accordingly, leave to appear *pro hac vice* will be granted.

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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 DATED: 10/11/09

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21 JEREMY FOGEL  
22 United States District Judge  
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